



The Signpost Weekly!

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Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

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Calendar

Sunday, November 4

- ☆ **All Saints Day**
- 2 a.m., Daylight Savings Time Ends
- 8 a.m. Worship Service
- 9:15 a.m. – Adult Formation – Last Things Part 2
- 10 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:15 a.m. Worship Service
- 11:30 Young Adult Hike

Monday, November 5

- 9 a.m. Yoga

Tuesday, November 6

- 9 a.m., Morning Prayer
- 9:30 a.m., Exodus Bible Study

Thursday, November 8

- 7 p.m. Eucharist/Bible Study

Saturday, November 10

- 2 p.m. Rhythms of Grace

Sunday, November 11

- ☆ **Veteran's Day**
- 8 a.m. Worship Service
- 9:15 Formation:
- 10 a.m. Sunday School
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All Saints' Day This Sunday

On All Saints' Day we pause intentionally to remember those we love whom we see no more...the saints in our lives, those known and unknown, who marked our worlds in meaningful ways. You are invited to bring in photos of such "saints" in your life and have them placed on the chapel altar behind the communion rail. All Saints' Sunday is a time to let our hearts be reminded of the difference they made in our lives. It is a time to give thanks for their gifts and for their strengths, for what they taught us, and most of all for what God has done through them for us, using them as a means of grace.



Today's Ministry Minute-

We'll be hearing what Easter Seals has shared with us this Sunday. Easter Seals uses our space on Wednesdays, and sometimes at other times during the week. They use our kitchen for cooking class and to prepare lunch. The Blue Room is their



gathering space not only to eat, but for arts and crafts and other social activities. Of note is that the space they use, and our facilities are completely wheelchair accessible. You don't want to miss hearing about this and other kinds of really important ministries that happen here throughout the week, just by the simple act of keeping the heat on and sharing the hospitality of our space.

Young Adult Hike after 10:15 service this Sunday

Our Young Adult group will be headed out for a hike after the 10:15 service. It's 0% chance of rain, at least according to weather.com, so the weather should be decent. We'll be out at Tucker & French Forest- come enjoy a great day out and a bite to eat afterwards. Please bring layered clothing and a sack lunch. You can contact Fr Zac if you have any questions.

Adult Formation- Last Things Part 2

The Adult Formation was packed last Sunday with lots of questions about heaven, judgment, God's mercy and what exactly it means for Christ to return. The discussion was so rich in fact, that we'll add a part 2 to this conversation, since we only got about 30% of the way through what was planned last Sunday. Come join the conversation.

All Saints Reflection

With the attack on Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh, we have all felt sadness, anger and/or shock at how this can happen in 2018 in our country.

Perhaps one story that has struck me most through the week has been the story of teenagers from the Tree of Life Synagogue gathering in vigil Saturday night after the attack and saying how they thought Anti-Semitism and fear of being attacked for being Jewish was something of the past or something for over in Europe or other countries, but not in the United States. However, now they realize it is not something of the past, but something that impacts them here and now.

The interlocking layers of hate for people of Jewish faith, for immigrants and foreigners felt by the shooter also are important to notice. Sometimes these acts rooted in hatred can feel overwhelming to me, and perhaps to you as well.

However, I experienced some-thing very different than this with faith leaders from the Derry/Hampstead gathered in prayer at Etz Hayim Synagogue in Derry. There was a group of people gathered on short notice to express our support and stand against hate and Anti-Semitism. There was time for grief, silence & prayer-and time to recognize that we must renew our-selves to sharing the love of God and challenging the forces of hate in our world.

All Saints is an important time to reflect upon these themes. Because it is a day about remembering the gifts, witness and values passed on to us by our forbearers (as flawed as they might have been sometimes). It is also a time to remember that we are all called to be saints, to be light of God's love shining in a world that dearly needs that love. During this small half-week 'season' of All Saints I would invite you to take time and reflect on the witness of saints who have gone before and how to more fully share God's love with those around us. -Fr. Zac

Snow Shoveling weather is coming soon

With frost on windshields and cooler temperatures, we know that winter can't be too far away. This Sunday we will be placing a sign-up sheet out for taking on a couple weeks at a time to shovel the entrance walkway, a pathway to the fuel oil fill up behind the parish house and keeping the exit doors clear. Please consider helping out with this much needed ministry if you are capable of this. Bob Leonard, Senior Warden, is heading up this ministry if you are interested or have questions.



Presiding Bishop's statement on the tragedy at Tree of Life synagogue

Oct 28, 2018

Prayers of the People

Prayers for **Jeff Waymouth**; Ingrid and Mark Chapman ask for your prayers for their daughter **Lisa**. Please pray for **Nick**, Anne Darrah's cousin's husband; please pray for **Angie McCurdy** and her family; please pray for **Lincoln**, Christine Collins' cousin's young son who is ill; and for **Aaron, Alex & family** in their time of grief. Prayers for healing and relief from pain for **Pat Williams**; for **Zach**, a relative of a parishioner; prayers for **Noelle Schreiber**; **Ellie McCabe**; prayers for **Bob Gleason**, **Lucille Gigeure**. For Dave Darrah's brother, **Tom**; for **Deb**; for **Roy Jeffrey**; **Ann Donovan**; **Kate**; **Brayden**; **Matty**; **Ian**; prayers for **Howie**; for **Cheryl**; for **Ryan**; for **Jacqueline**; for Natalie's brother **Lorin**; for Mark and Ingrid's son **Eric**.

Special Prayers of Repose for:

Daniel Stein, Joyce Feinberg, Richard Gottfried, Rose Mallinger, Jerry Rabinowitz, Cecil Rosenthal, David Rosenthal, Bernice Simon, Sylvan Simon, Melvin Wax, Irving Younger.

Serving in the Military: Pray for Pam Vazquez's son, **Army 2nd Lt. Nicholas J. Vazquez**, for Del's cousins, **Daniel, Matthew and Sandra**.

Parish Cycle of Prayer: Kathy and Wayne Trombly, Chris, Ruth-Ann, Abigail, Eva, and Madeline Cooper; Dave, Kelly, Amy, Chris, Hannah, and Mary Cosio; Bob and Tone Crossman; Maureen Dadekian.

Attendance: Tuesday, 10/23, 9 a.m., 2; Thursday, 10/25, 7 p.m., 9; Sunday, 10/28, 8 a.m., 16; 10:15 a.m., 45.

Visioning for the Future



Last Sunday, at the start of the 2019 Pledge Drive, we gathered and prayed about the kind of church God is calling us to be and become. The Bishop's Committee has been working prayerfully to discern a Vision for what future direction we should seek to go. Parishioners reflected and provided feedback on how to shape that Vision.



One parishioner reflected: "My reaction from the 10:15 service is that the Spirit is doing mighty work at St. Christopher's! I am so energized and full of hope about where our church family is going."

"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. The second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."